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NEW SHOREHAM PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

CHANTRY HOUSE,
SHOREHAM-BY-SEA,

25th February, 1941.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report as Acting Medical Officer of Health for the year 1940, prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health.

INSPECTIONS OF SHIPS DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE A.

| Number Inspected | | | | Number of vessels reported as having, or having had, during the voyage, infectious disease on board |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|---|
| By the Medical Officer of Health | By the Sanitary Inspector | | | |
| 0 | 114 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

TABLE C.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS LANDED FROM VESSELS.

| Disease. | No. of cases during the year. | No. of vessels concerned. |
|----------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Nil. | Nil. | Nil. |

TABLE D.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS OCCURRING ON VESSELS DURING THE VOYAGE BUT DISPOSED OF PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.

| Disease. | No. of cases during the year. | No. of vessels concerned. |
|----------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Nil. | Nil. | Nil. |

MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS

No action for the destruction of rats has been required, and no “infected” or “suspected” vessels, or vessels from plague infected ports, have arrived during the year.

HYGIENE OF CREWS SPACES

TABLE J.

CLASSIFICATION OF NUISANCES.

| Nationality of vessel. | Number inspected during the year. | Defects of original construction. | Structural defects through wear and tear. | Dirt, Vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health. |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| British | 96 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Other Nations ... | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

FOOD INSPECTION.

Food cargoes have been inspected and have all been found in good condition.

Public Notices have been posted forbidding the removal or taking for sale for human consumption of any shell-fish from the Harbour and the waters of the river Adur between the entrance to the Harbour and the town of Shoreham-by-Sea. No instance of selling shell-fish taken from the prohibited area has been observed.

FOREIGN WAR REFUGEES.

In accordance with Circular 1983 from the Ministry of Health, and subsequent instructions, plans were made in May for the reception of Foreign War Refugees, in collaboration with neighbouring Local Authorities. It did not prove necessary to put these plans into operation.

STAFF.

The Staff of the Authority are part-time officers. Being the official Deputy Medical Officer of Health, I have continued to act as Medical Officer of Health since the retirement of the late Dr. W. J. Butcher. The Sanitary Inspector, Mr. J. W. Thurman, is also Sanitary Inspector for the Shoreham-by-Sea Urban District Council.

Mr. A. H. Holt, Chief Sanitary Inspector of the County Borough of Brighton, acts as Assistant Sanitary Inspector for the Port Health Authority for duties in connection with the arrival of passenger steamers at Brighton Pier, and Mr. A. Trevethick, Sanitary Inspector to the Southwick Urban District Council, is the Deputy Sanitary Inspector.

I wish to express my appreciation of the valued assistance and co-operation given throughout the year by the Officers in charge of H.M. Customs.]

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. G. K. LEDGER,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the

New Shoreham Port Health Authority.